private sector, both domestic and foreign. Any company registered in India can apply to the State Governments for grant of prospecting licence/mining lease.

Women PDS shops in India

2162. SHRI N. THALAVAI SUNDARAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of women PDS shops in India;

(b) the number of women PDS shops in Tamil Nadu; and

(c) whether any steps are being taken to improve or to provide facilities to women PDS shops in Madras and Kany-akumari districts?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV): (a) to (c) Allotment of Fair Price Shops are done by State Governments/UT Administrations. The figures of women PDS shops are not maintained by Central Government.

Growth rate in the value of production in small scale and cottage sector

2163. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state;

(a) the annual rate of growth in the value of production in small scale and cottage sector during 1994-95 and the first three months of current financial year;

(b) the annual rate of growth in the capital investment in this sector during this period in the State of Gujarat; and

(c) the annual rate of growth in employment in this sector during this period in Gujarat State?

'Figures are for first three months of 1996-97.

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) The estimated annual rate of growth in the value of production in the small scale sector, at All India Level, for the year 1994-95 was 10.1% and for the first 9 months of 1995-96 it was 10.3%. The growth rate for the first three months of current financial year i.e. 1996-97 is not available.

Similarly annual rate of growth of production in the Cottage Industries (KVI) Sector for the years 1994-95 and 1995-96 was 12.1% and 23.3% (estimated) respectively.

(b) and (c) The additional capital investment and employment in the small scale sector and cottage industries in the State of Gujarat are given below:

Year	Small Scale Industries	Cottage Industries
(A)	*Capital Investment*	*(Rs. lakhs)*
1994-95	36288.25	2763.19
1995-96	38855.46	4093.89
1996-97*	8719.57	1281.78
(B)		*Employment (Nos).*
1994-95	62949	110810
1995-96	54156	111798
1996-97'	9936	8650

गेहूं का निर्यात

2164. **श्री राघवजी:** क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) वर्ष 1995 में और 30 जून, 1996 तक किन-किन देशों को कितना-कितना गेहूं निर्यात किया गया; और

(ख) सरकार द्वारा अपने भंडार में से कितना गेहूं और किस दर से बेचा गया?

वाणिज्य मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री बोल्ला बुल्ली रामैया): (क) वर्ष 1995-96 और 1996-97

(अप्रैल-मई, 1996) के दौरान निर्यात किए गए गेहूं की कुल मात्रा और मूल्य निम्नानुसार हैं:

वर्ष	मात्रा (एमटी)	मूल्य (करोड़ रु० में)
1995-96	617211	360.90
1996-97 (अप्रैल-मई, 1996)	491451	300.57

जून, 1996 के महीने में निर्यात किए गए गेहूं का ब्यौरा अभी उपलब्ध नहीं है।

निर्यात किए गए गेहूं की मात्रा और मूल्य का देश-वार ब्यौरा वाणिज्यिक जानकारी एवं सांख्यिकी महानिदेशालय, कलकत्ता द्वारा प्रकाशित मासिक बुलेटिन/वार्षिक अंकों में उपलब्ध है, जिसकी प्रतियां संसद पुस्तकालय में उपलब्ध हैं।

(ख) भारतीय खाद्य निगम ने निर्यात के उद्देश्य से खुला बाजार बिक्री योजना के अंतर्गत 1995-96 के दौरान 84,000 मी० टन गेहूं और 1996-97 (30 जून, 1996 तक) लगभग 3,29,000 मी० टन गेहूं निजी/सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र के खरीदारों को बेचा। जिन दरों पर गेहूं की बिक्री की गई है उनकी परिधि निम्नानुसार है:—

वर्ष	दर की परिधि
1995-96	रु० 4928-5136 प्रति मी० टन
1996-97 (30.6.96 तक)	रु० 5040-5073 प्रति मी० टन

Recognition of Export Homes In Gujarat

2165. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recognised any State Corporation of Gujarat as an export house in relaxation of the criterion fixed for the purpose;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have ever consulted the State Government of Gujarat on matters of specific concern to it in the field of export promotion from the State during the last three years;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not. the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH): (a) to (e) M/s. Gujarat State Export Corp. Ltd., Ahmcdabad, have been recognised as an Export House from 1.04.94 to 31.03.97 on the basis of their own export performance for the year 1991-92, 1992-93 and 1993-94, in terms of the prescribed eligibility criteria.

Interactions have taken with various State Governments including the Government of Gujarat on issues relating to export promotion. These issues include improvement of infrastructure facilities at ports and air ports, improvement of railway facilities and extending containcrisa-rion facilities. The Government of Gujarat had also urged for setting up of an office of DGFT at Surat which has since been done.

White Paper on PSUs

2166. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Standing Conference on Public Enterprises (SCOPE) have urged Government to issue White Paper m PSUs;

(b) if so, the details of the policy guidelines formulated for PSUs in the country; and

(c) by when a White Paper on PSUs would be issued and what further action would be contemplated, accordingly?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c) The policy guidelines for Central PSUs arc spelt out in the Industrial Policy Statement of July 1991 and the Common Minimum Programme of the Government. There is no proposal to issue a White Paper on the PSU at the present.